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July 21, 1982

Mr. D. Richard Rodi
President
Pearson Travel
93 Dyer Street
Providence, R.I. 02903

Dear Mr. Rodi:

Thank you for your recent letter in which you so eloquently stress the importance of the National Endowment for the Arts to our leading cultural institutions in Rhode Island.

I am strongly supportive of maintaining the same level of funding for the Endowment from Fiscal Year 1982 to 1983. In other words, I would like to see the current budget of \$143 million sustained into the coming year. This would allow the Endowment to continue its crucial support for such organizations as the Rhode Island Philharmonic and Trinity Square at or near the levels they have received in recent years.

I appreciate the fact that you have taken the time to write me on this important issue. As you know, the health and vitality of the Arts Endowment is of very special concern to me and I will do everything I can to obtain as high a budget as possible in these difficult times.

With warm regards,

Ever sincerely,

Claiborne Pell

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